

Rice's Gas Station Complex - Motel
Kimmerly Lots
Avon Vicinity
Powell County
Montana

HABS No. MT-78-A

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY HABS No. MT-78-A

RICE'S GAS STATION COMPLEX - MOTEL

Location: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 27, Township 10 North,
Range 8 West, Avon, Montana

Present Owner: Heirs of Sandy and Olive Mae Reirson

Present Occupant
and Use: Abandoned

Statement of
Significance:

The gas station and motel are examples of 1930s filling station and automobile-related commercial lodging facilities made popular with new highway construction and increased automobile use at the time. The buildings vernacular architecture is punctuated with a few elements of the Spanish architectural style, including stucco finish, a wood door with two arched windows in the motel, and a parapet wall on the gas station. The buildings are examples of increasingly less common structures related to early automobile travel in Montana.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The motel is a 10' x 40' shed-roofed structure. The building consists of four rooms, the easternmost three were lodging facilities and the fourth a storage room. The exterior walls of the lodging rooms are stucco and of the storage section horizontal planks. The roof is covered with wood shingles. Entrances to three sleeping units face north. One of the doors is a two-light, two-panel, the lights being narrow arches. The other doors are regular four panel; they do not have the Spanish like windows. Each lodging unit has a small, fixed single pane window to the left of the door. Entrance to the storage room is gained through a door on the west side. There is no window in this room.

The motel is in poor condition because the stucco is falling off, the wood shingle roof is badly deteriorated, and the screen doors on each unit have been torn from their hinges.

PART III. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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